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1.(SBU) Summary: In an address to parliament, King Hamad praised Bahrain's joining the IAEA and said Bahrain aimed to help limit WMD proliferat 2.(U) In an October 17 address opening the latest session of parliament, the King hailed Bahrain's "entry into the nuclear age." Noting Bahrain 3.(SBU) Ministry of Health Radiation Protection Consultant Jaffar Mattar told Econoff October 23 that he had attended an October 20-21 conferen 4.(SBU) For at least the past year, Bahrain's Ambassador to Washington, Nasser Al-Belooshi, has explored the prospects of U.S. nuclear technological states and the past year, Bahrain's Ambassador to Washington, Nasser Al-Belooshi, has explored the prospects of U.S. nuclear technological states and the past year. 5.(SBU) Since consulting with GNEP, Al-Belooshi has continued his efforts. In November 2006, he led a Bahraini delegation on an alternative ene 6.(SBU) Mattar told Econoff October 23 that he hoped for Embassy sponsorship of a regional medical seminar on radiation set to take place in Ma 17. (U) Bahrain's requests for assistance are not limited to the U.S. Municipalities and Agriculture Minister Mansoor Bin Rajab told local Gulf 8.(U) Arabic local daily Al Ayam October 20 quoted Ministry of Electricity and Water Assistant Undersecretary for Planning and Studies Dr. Khal 9.(C) Comment: A certain portion of the King's October 17 remarks on nuclear energy were meant to buck up Bahrainis with the boast that the Gul